

A PROCLAMATION HONORING WILL MCCOY FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION I STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Will McCoy showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Will McCoy was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Will McCoy always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Will McCoy on winning the Boys' Division I State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2007–2008 basketball season.

HONORING THE JAMESVILLE-DEWITT BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the Jamesville-Dewitt Basketball Team, 2008 Class A Champions. The Jamesville-Dewitt Red Rams defeated the East Hampton Bonackers by a score of 78–54, earning Jamesville-Dewitt their third New York State Boys Basketball Championship title.

I had the pleasure of watching J-D play in the Sectional Finals in Syracuse. They are remarkably talented, deep, and well coached. They clearly understand the concept of team basketball.

On behalf of the people of New York's 25th Congressional District, I congratulate these young men on their outstanding athletic achievement, and praise Head Coach Bob McKenney and Assistant Coach Brock Elmore on their team's success. I look forward to another exciting year when the Red Rams take court to defend their title in 2009.

Mickey Davis, Tacari Davis, Zach Firestone, Mitchell Howe, Alshwan Hymes, Lamar Kearse, Jon Lee, Antoine Mitchell, Nick Pascale, Dan Piciuccio, Nathan Scholl-Hess, John Sheedy, Greg Stern, Brandon Triche, Mychal Weekes, Marcus Williams

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Madam Speaker, unfortunately this afternoon, April 10, 2008, due to severe weather in the Midwest I had to leave before being able to cast my vote on Amendment No. 8 to H.R. 2537, the Beach Protection Act, offered by my colleague JEFF FLAKE.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 182 on the Flake Amendment No. 8 barring earmarks from the Beach Act, I would have voted "aye."

While I generally believe that Congress should have the power to control where Federal spending should be spent, the Beach Protection Act was intended to be formula-based and was never intended to be funded through the direction of Congress and I believe that this amendment is consistent in that goal.

JAMIE WASSAM

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jamie Wassam who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jamie Wassam is a senior at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jamie Wassam is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Jamie Wassam for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her high school career to her college career and future accomplishments.

HONORING AARON PAUL PRICE

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Aaron Paul Price of Blue Springs, Missouri. Aaron is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1205, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Aaron has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Aaron has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Aaron Paul Price for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

WELCOMING HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XVI TO THE UNITED STATES

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to welcome His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on his first apostolic visit to the United States.

Since April 2005, Pope Benedict XVI has led the Roman Catholic Church admirably, he has served his church faithfully, and focused strongly on the dignity and importance of human life, particularly for those who are often ignored: the elderly, the disabled, and the unborn.

In his first papal visit to the United States of America, Pope Benedict will only be able to visit two cities, but citizens across the Nation, of all faiths and backgrounds, warmly welcome him to our country.

Pope Benedict stands for both truth in the face of relativism and peace and love in the face of violence and hate—it is these strengths that make Pope Benedict's voice and message one that all Americans, and all people around the world, should be eager to hear.

The theme of Pope Benedict's apostolic visit is "Christ our Hope." In his latest Encyclical, *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict notes, ". . . it is true that anyone who does not know God, even though he may entertain all kinds of hopes, is ultimately without hope, without the great hope that sustains the whole of life (cf. Eph 2:12). Man's great, true hope which holds firm in spite of all disappointments can only be God—God who has loved us and who continues to love us "to the end," until all "is accomplished" (cf. Jn 13:1 and 19:30). Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what "life" really is. . . . Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we "live."'

May all of us, as Americans, be open to Pope Benedict's message of hope this week.

I welcome Pope Benedict XVI in this visit and hope he will return to our Nation again in the near future.

IN HONOR OF TOM MARCHANT OF HANOVER, MINNESOTA

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 14, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Tom Marchant of Hanover, Minnesota, who is this year's winner of the Minnesota American Legion Oratorical Contest. Tom was sponsored by Wayzata Post 118.

Tom spoke on the topic of freedom and responsibility: "Our final responsibility is by far the most honorable and sacrificial. It is the duty to fight for the United States. Many great men and women have answered the call of freedom . . . In deserts and foreign lands,